reasons for it. If you will kindly turn to section 72-B, clauses 2 and 3 of the Government of India Act, you will find that they read thus:

'(2) A Governor may appoint such times and places for holding the sessions of his Legislative Council as he thinks fit and may also, by notification or otherwise, prorogue the Council.'

'(3) Any meeting of a Governor's Legislative Council may be adjourned by the person presiding.'

"You will remember that you first gave notice to us for a meeting of the Council on the 28th last and I believe two or three days before that we had notice that that meeting was postponed and a fresh notice was issued for the meeting of the Council to-day. My submission is that when once a meeting is convened it is competent only to the person who is presiding over the meeting to adjourn it and it is not open to the Governor or the Government, or even to the President when he is not actually presiding at the meeting, to adjourn the meeting. I have also to inform this House that this is the first time in the history of the Madras Legislative Council working under these Standing Orders that a meeting for which a notice was given was adjourned without that meeting being summoned and a fresh notice issued. Since it is a matter that seems to be very important whether the President can go on adjourning under such circumstances, I request, Sir, that you will kindly give your considered ruling on this matter."

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Mr. President, Sir, my answer to it is this, that every meeting after a prorogation or dissolution has to be notified by the Governor himself. The last notice that was given must be taken to have been tentative and it was open to the Governor to suggest another date for the meeting. Once the session is started and the Legislative Council has begun to function, undoubtedly it is a fact that the person presiding can alone exercise that privilege."

11-15 a.m.

The hon. the President:—"With reference to the point of order raised by the hon. Member, Mr. Satyamurti, viz., whether this meeting is properly convened, is being properly held and can properly go on with the business appointed for it, I have absolutely no doubt that we are properly met and that we can go on with the agenda. If the hon. Member wishes me to consider any other point, e.g., as to who can convene a meeting and who can change a date once fixed, I shall deal with such matters later on when and as they arise."

III

ALLOTMENT OF DAYS FOR NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I wish to raise another point of order. As the non-official Members of the Council have not been given the number of days which they are entitled to for the transaction of private business . . . ."

The hon. the President:—"I think this point of order will come properly later on. We have to go on with the orders of the day at present and after question time, if the same question is raised, I shall certainly be prepared to consider the same."

Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"May I do it immediately after question time?"

The hon. the President:—"Yes, after question time."